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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1 AND 2  
TAGS: PINR, UK, YS  
SUBJECT: SOVIET ROLE IN SOUTH YEMEN

REF: STATE 9517

WE CONVEYED REPORT IN REFTEL TO FCO ON JANUARY 13, AND FCO IS STILL STAFFING OUT ITS COMMENTS. INITIAL COMMENTS GIVEN TO US ARE THAT IT AGREES WITH BRITISH ESTIMATES, AND IN PARTICULAR THAT ITS CONCLUSIONS RESEMBLE THOSE OF THE JIC PIECE ON SOUTH YEMEN OF DECEMBER 1. AS PART OF THE CURRENT SPOTLIGHTING ON PDRY, WE SUGGEST THAT THE US INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OR INR PRODUCE A BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH ON THE PDRY CABINET INCLUDING US ASSESSMENT OF RIVALRY BETWEEN ISMAIL AND ALI FOR EXCHANGE WITH BRITISH. IN THE PAST, OFFICERS IN THE FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT. HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THIS RIVALRY IS LARGELY A CHARADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF WESTERNERS AND ARABS. HOWEVER, SEE MOST RECENT JIC PIECE ON PDRY, DATED JANUARY 19, WHICH TAKES A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT LINE.

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